



City of Rockville

MEMORANDUM

May 13, 2005

TO: Twinbrook Neighborhood Plan Advisory Group (TNPAG)

FROM: Ann Wallas, Planner II, Long Range Planning

SUBJECT: TNPAG Meeting Thursday May 19, 2005 – Community Services/Crime

The TNPAG meeting next week will focus on “quality of life” issues and the impact that they can have on the neighborhood. The Strengths Weaknesses Opportunities Threats (SWOT) exercise conducted during the two community meetings held in November 2004, indicated that Twinbrook residents gave high marks to the City of Rockville’s parks and recreational facilities and believed that City services, cultural diversity, facilities for children, involved citizens, neighborhood safety and a sense of community were neighborhood strengths. There were, however, concerns about several similar issues. “Crime and Loitering” was identified as a weakness, as were concerns about drugs, gang activity, homelessness, lack of Police response, inadequate street lights, unsafe parks, unsupervised youths and vandalism.

How the City and its citizens decide to respond to these issues will determine the need for community services and facilities during the coming years. As the TNPAG moves into the sessions on parks and open space, land use and revitalization, it will be helpful to keep these issues, and our responses to them, in mind as we think about what the community should look, and feel, like in the next twenty years.

Our program this week will feature City staff that work on these issues every day. Each will give a short presentation and take questions from the Advisory Group.

The following information is enclosed with this memo:

- Agenda for the TNPAG meeting on Thursday May 19, 2005, at 7:00 pm
- Meeting Notes from the May 5, 2005 meeting
- A map showing the Public Facilities and Public Parks in the Twinbrook neighborhoods. (You will find this map useful for our next few meetings on Parks and Recreation facilities, Environment and Land Use.)
- A selection of flyers from our Community Services, Neighborhood Resources, Twinbrook Community Center and the City of Rockville Police Department.
- If you were unable to join us on May 5, you will also find a copies of the information handed out during the meeting.
- We have purchased an accordion binder for each of you and will give them out to you at the meeting.